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RE: Application Serial No.: 10/076,416
Applicants: Mechthild RIEPING, et al.
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For: PROCESS FOR THE FERMENTATIVE
PREPARATION OF L-AMINO ACIDS USING
ENTEROBACTERIACEAE STRAINS WITH
ATTENUATED POXB GENES
Group Art Unit: 1656
Examiner: STEADMAN

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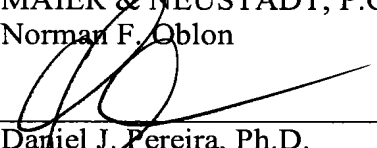
Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

Response
Terminal Disclaimer (Executed)
Request for Extension of Time (One-Month)

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